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Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary President Willie Cox presents HHHS Executive Director, Foster Loucks with the latest donation, \$47,800 to purchased new beds for the acute care wing of the Haliburton Hospital.

Thirty years of caring

The Haliburton Hospital Ladies Auxiliary marked its thirtieth anniversary in tradition fashion, with yet another donation.

This time, Auxiliary President Willie Cox presented the hospital with over \$47,000 to cover the cost of the electronic beds which were purchased for the acute care ward in the Haliburton facility. The beds were in place when the renovated hospital opened last year.

The donation is one of many dating back over the auxiliary's 30 year history. "In 1971, the purpose of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Haliburton Red Cross Hospital was to provide for the comfort of the patients and to add to the existing equipment," the president told the many people gathered for the group's St. Patrick's luncheon, Friday. "Today's donation keeps us true to that original intent," she

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Minden Hills option: Clean up or pay up

by Matthew Sittler

Clean up your act or pay the consequence.

A lack of spring cleaning could come to mean fines for residents of Minden Hills if their properties remain 'unreasonably' littered in the eyes of the municipality.

The proposed 'Clean and Clear' by-law, if passed, would mean Council could force area property owners to remove unsightly waste and unused vehicles from their lawns and fields. At the Legislation, Building, By-law and Fire Committee meeting

of March 13, the matter was referred to the new Minden Hills Chief Building Official, Fraser MacDonald, for further scrutiny. "We want an enforceable by-law," Reeve Ross Rigney told the committee. "If we don't have it, maybe we should take a second look at this."

The council doesn't want grass to be longer than eight inches in residential areas, and it now seems willing to enforce both a rural and residential property's tidiness as well. "This came up at the last meeting, and there is no point in putting in the by-law if it

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Welcome Algonquin Highlands

by Matthew Sittler

Algonquin Highlands.

The new name has been chosen for the municipality of Sherborne, Stanhope et al. It's a name that councillors hope will strengthen tourism and marketing efforts while at the same time retaining the beauty and identity of the various townships' character.

"I guess how this all started was after the amalgamation," explained Reeve Eleanor Harrison at a public meeting scheduled for a vote on the issue last



Dave Bullford explains why he preferred the name Algonquin Highlands.

Thursday. "We started struggling with the length of our full name Sherborne, Stanhope, McClintock, Livingston, Lawrence and Nightingale - some people actually said it sounded more like a lawyer's firm than it did a municipality."

Having said that, the Reeve pointed out that the

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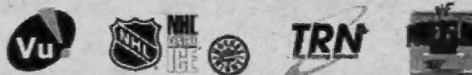
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Minden Hills realigns municipal and forest fire services

by Matthew Sitrer

In 1998, a revised Forest Fire Management Agreement was signed by the Municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden and the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to identify the specific geographic areas where each organization would provide (forest) fire protection. The agreement was written by the ministry and described by MNR representative Ron MacKenzie at last week's meeting as a 'cost-sharing' concept. The agreements were intended to last between four to five years. The recent amalgamation, however, has necessitated an update and review.

MacKenzie told the committee that he has worked in co-operation with the various clerks on the updated agreement and that as it now stands, the mu-

nicipality would owe the MNR an annual fee of \$2,200 for fire protection of Crown lands within the municipality. This cost reflected, said MacKenzie, a savings of some \$8,000.

There are two additional fee structures written into the agreement. The municipality can pay a one-time insurance fee, or, if the municipality calls the MNR for fire protection within the municipality's jurisdiction, Minden Hills would simply pay for services the MNR provided. The reverse would apply if Crown land fire protection necessitated municipal services. This agreement will be in place between April 1 and October 31. During the winter, it can be renegotiated or eliminated by either side.

A fire coverage review will also be ongoing over the next several months.

One area in particular, within the municipality was felt by the committee to need an immediate change. The north-east portion of the geographic Township of Snowdon will now receive fire protection from the Minden Fire Department. This area was previously covered by a fire protection agreement with the Municipality of Dysart. The southern portion of Snowdon will continue to receive fire protection coverage from the Somerville Fire Department. This coverage has not been changed. The Emergency Fire Number for this area remains 1-800-463-0627.

Residents in the portion of Snowdon Township previously receiving fire protection coverage from the Dysart Fire Department are urged to contact their insurance agents to notify them of the change. Fire protection from the

Minden Fire Department may result in a reduction of some insurance premiums.

"The way it is set up now is the way things are set up across the province," MacKenzie told council, referring to the updated agreement. "I can't deny there are areas of the agreement that put a greater onus on the municipalities, but there is a reduction in cost."

The MNR representative was referring to the fact that there is now a wider geographical area of fire protection responsibility for the municipality to handle. Minden Hills Fire Chief Bill Hogg was present at the meeting and indicated that although it is larger it is manageable. The emergency fire number for the Minden Fire Department is 286-1212.

Name is official for northern municipality

(from page one)

former name held extensive historical significance, but that the new name, while shorter, not only sounds nice but is evocative of the topography of the municipality. Following amalgamation, the name had been shortened in the interim with an 'et al' designation at the end encompassing all the names. The new council decided however, to inaugurate the new municipality with a completely new name.

It was Deputy Reeve Don Shortreed who first suggested the name some weeks ago. "Well I think that when the rest of us came out of the state of shock after having heard his suggestion," continued Harrison. "We did think it had a nice ring to it."

A by-law was required to change the name, which the council endorsed with a vote Thursday. Councilors Tom Gardner and Kerri Locke had not warmed to the idea, however, when the voting occurred. "I guess this is what they pay us the big bucks for," an unsure Locke told council.

Gardner had difficulty discarding the previous name, suggesting in jest that his grandmother would disown him if she knew what he was about to be party to.

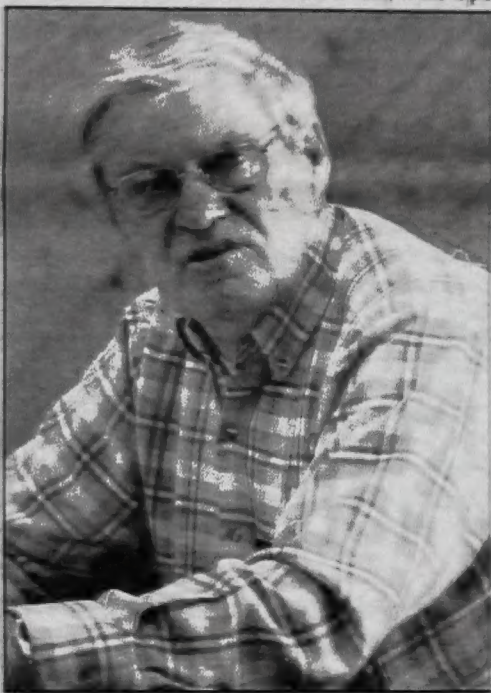
In the end, Council, after hearing an informed and passionate speech by history buff Dave Bulford endorsing the name change to Algonquin Highlands, held their heads high and cast the historical votes.

Some 53 submissions in favour of the new name had arrived at council offices in recent weeks, Reeve Harrison told the meeting. This was way in front of the 15 who were opposing. "Now we are willing to listen to individuals who would like to give their opinions on the issue," she said, giving the floor to member of

the public, Eddy Lehman.

Lehman wanted the designation 'West' to be added to the Algonquin Highlands title, something Council was not enthusiastic about, noting that one of the reasons for the change was to adopt a shorter name. "I thought maybe an amendment was in order," he said. "To the east they call themselves Highlands East you know."

It was Dave Bulford however, who sparked the de-



Don Shortreed: first to suggest Algonquin Highlands as a name for the county's newest northern municipality.

cisive ground-swell within council with his informed and historical appraisal of what the name Algonquin Highlands could come to mean based upon its proud historical heritage. "I would like to speak in distinct support of the name Algonquin Highlands," he told them. "If we go back historically to the 1820's, one of the first people who came through this area were British soldiers and engineers who were specifically looking for a route that would take them across this part of the Cambrian Shield away from the Great Lakes shorelines. They did this as a safety mechanism in case we were invaded by the Americans. They went upstream to the height of land which is the Highlands, east, west, north or south - it is the area that we are in."

Bulford pointed out that other areas using the term highlands did not have exclusive ownership of the title. "They are not as high as we are," he added. "And I am very proud of that."

Because the various townships are literally bounded by Algonquin Park, which is easily the most recognized tourist landmark in Northern Ontario, Bulford noted the name was appropriate. "We are the Highlands - it is a fitting and appropriate label politically, commercially and identification-wise," he continued.

"Even throughout the rest of Haliburton County, with due respect to our neighbours to the south, refer to themselves as the hills. They are the hills. We are the Highlands, thank-you."

Reeve Eleanor Harrison reiterated that the individual township names will be retained, that the only name changing is the one applied to the whole municipality.

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Uncovering Boshkung's hidden stories

by Matthew Sitrer

Developing a title that captures the rich history and experiences of an entire lake association has become a somewhat daunting task for book creators Emily Woods and Donni Mclean. As members of the Boshkung Lake Associations (BLPOA) Millennium Book Project Team, they've spent hours interviewing people from in and around the lake, all the while fishing for those unique stories that are handed down from yesteryear - stories that continue to be told around campfires to this day.

What began initially as an expanded version of their Lake Association Newsletter *The Informer*, has grown to become a sprawling collection packed with fond memories of the lakes vintage history circa the 1920's-1940.

"In the beginning, the framework was that we would take people's stories from the 1920's and 30's," explains Mclean. "But inevitably, once we heard those stories the book grew."

The vibrant historical tome, which will also celebrate the BLPOA's fiftieth anniversary, has become a labour of love for the two women. "We've made it very clear that people can approach us and develop their own stories and send them in," she continued. "But it focuses on the early people who settled at the lake."

For Emily Woods, the collection of these tales was



Capturing the history of cottaging on Boshkung Lake has become a labour of love for Emily Woods and Donni Mclean, left. The two are part of a group which has been collecting stories and photos, like the one above, to tell the lake's story.

nothing short of a dream come true. "As we canoed around the lake, we would talk to people," she explains. "I am an Area Coordinator and as you call upon people in your section, you hear their stories and they are just incredible. Over a cup of tea we heard about what the roads were like in 1920 or in some tales, how there were no roads," she laughs.

It is hoped the book will be finished by the association's annual general meeting this summer. Each member of the BLPOA will receive a copy and others will be available to the general public at an as-yet determined price. Rife with tales of canoeing, honeymoons and the dragging of a cottage across the ice to a new position, among many others, the book will undoubtedly stir those who have an interest in the Boshkung area's history. Horses fell through the ice back then too, adds Mclean. "So there are some serious stories as well."

One thing that will jump out of the book for readers is the utter freedom cottagers on Boshkung had during its pioneering heyday. "These folks telling stories about when they were children: they felt completely free and do not feel the same ability to give their grandchildren the similar freedom today," says Woods. "They went out and boated without lifejackets, they'd start fishing in the morning and come home late at night. In one of the stories, they went over to Maple Lake and were stranded in the middle of a storm and did not get back until much later. Their parents were too happy to see them to be cross."

"There is another story about a well-to-do gentleman from northern Ontario," jumps in Mclean. "He had a love-nest built on the lake. He bought a piece of property and arranged for it to be bought in the name of another man from this area. After moving in his sweetheart, all the bills went to the local man and after the wealthy man died, there were no embarrassing bits of evidence to shame his family." They called him Santa Claus, she adds, and he divided his time at the south-west end of lake Boshkung during the summer months.

All of this hard work gathering the historical information and preparation for the book can be credited to not only the unique permanent and seasonal residents on Boshkung, but to the other Millennium Book Team Members Pat Lowery, Ron Costen and Linda Cherry. The finished project will include an introduction, old maps and divided sections presenting tales of places on the lake and individual stories respectively. "We've discovered so much," adds Mclean, "It's really a good read."

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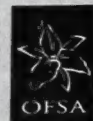
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Friday, we had an opportunity to enjoy a luncheon at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall in Haliburton. Of course the food was good, the hospitality warm and the cause an excellent one. Our host, on this occasion, was the Haliburton Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, a group that is marking its thirtieth anniversary.

The members of the auxiliary took advantage of the occasion to present the Haliburton Highlands Health Services with a \$47,000 donation. The

money will be used to pay for the mechanized beds for the acute care wing of the hospital.

We also learned that in the auxiliary's 30 year history more than a quarter million dollars have been raised for a lengthy list of hospital equipment. More than \$250,000 is a lot of money.... it represents a lot of teas, bake and craft sales and, well, luncheons, just like the one the community was enjoying Friday. It represents an

immense amount of hard work and dedication by countless individuals over the years, thousands of pans of baked squares and knitted sweaters and cups of tea poured. It also represents a true love and dedication to a worthwhile community cause.

So, a tip o' the hat to the Haliburton Hospital Ladies Auxiliary as they celebrate 30 years of being there for the hospital. Here's to many more years of helping to make our community a better place in which to live.

jb

Looking for equity in health care services

The following letter was sent to Alan Rock, Federal Minister of Health.

Dear Sir:

I wish to inform you, as health minister and also as a cancer patient, of a recent experience that I, as an Ontario resident and metastatic breast cancer patient, had while visiting my daughter and grandson in Calgary.

I am a patient at the Kingston Cancer Centre and my oncologist there, Dr. Yolanda Madarnas had negotiated with Foothills Hospital Tom Baker Cancer Centre, for me to receive two of my weekly Herceptin treatments while in Calgary, one on February 23 and the second March 2, 2001. I called OHIP before my departure. The staff person informed me that there was a reciprocal agreement with Alberta, though cautioned me about obtaining prescription drugs or an ambulance in Calgary. I had told the young lady I spoke to, before there was any 'drug' discussion, that KRCC had negotiated my chemotherapy treatments with the Tom Baker Cancer Centre. She said nothing ('Silence connotes consent' Thomas More), nor was any allusion made to my doctor's secretary, Jezinha that there might be a problem.

I was examined by an oncologist there and was duly impressed by my care. I went back to the waiting room while they obtained and mixed the drug. A young lady emerged shortly thereafter, and called me, I assumed, for chemo. Imagine my surprise then, when she told me that they had no mechanism for billing OHIP, and that I would have

to pay and collect from OHIP myself, a whopping \$2,036.00 for two treatments. I asked her to bill me. 'No, they could not do that either'. I asked if I could use my drug card (private insurance, as I am not yet 65) until I could collect from OHIP. 'No, that was not possible either, unless I had either Alberta or BC Blue Cross (I believe)'. I told the young lady that I had checked OHIP before I left, and they had obviously not anticipated this problem, and that obviously neither had KRCC, when the treatments were negotiated. That did not seem to help, so I opined that if the money were required in advance, I presumed I was not being treated, as I did not have access to that kind of funding. She beat a hasty retreat to consult with those who sent her.

When she did eventually return, it was to inform me that they had gone back into their files and found another case where they had billed OHIP for chemo. I asked her if she was aware that there is a suspected link with cancer and stress, and that I should not have been subjected to this, particularly given my circumstances. I then went and received my chemotherapy, where the nurse told me, that people from other provinces often brought their chemo drugs in a powder form and that the pharmacy would mix them! Unbelievable!

How can this kind of thing happen under the federal Canada Health Act, albeit that the provinces run their own health care, with presumably, substantial federal funding? But assuming that

is the norm, why then was KRCC not so informed?

All in all, this was for me, an intolerable situation. God only knows, how someone else also officially terminal, with less stamina, would have functioned. This then, is the reason I write, so that no one else be subjected to this kind of thing, be it myself, or an Albertan in Ontario, or a Nova Scotian in British Columbia. We are still the same country and under federal law, we should receive equal treatment and access to health care, as mandated by the Canada Health Act. OHIP also advised me I might have problems, if the Province of Quebec had been my destination. If true, why is this allowed to happen?

In the final analysis my scenario worked out OK and I had a wonderful visit with my family, but it could have been a nightmare. I would not wish this experience on another human being. I trust this was an isolated episode or that checks and balances can be initiated to avoid a repeat for myself, or for any other Canadian.

I hope to hear from you on this matter. I also wish you and your family my prayers and empathy as you yourself, tread this minefield known as cancer. Until this matter is settled, though, you might want to consider taking your chemo drugs with you, should you require them, before leaving your province.

Patricia M. Gibson,
Little Bob Lake Road,
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Deer feeding causing concern

Editor:

To whom this may concern:

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This area has become a very serious problem spot for many motorists like myself and the deer who are being baited to cross a busy highway in hope of a meal. I must admit that looking out my window and seeing many deer in my yard is one of the greatest things

that living up here has to offer.

However, is it fair to the many deer that are always being killed at this spot trying to cross Highway 35 to get this meal?

Do they realize that this could be their last meal? Not only are the deer sacrificing their lives but they are also endangering the lives of the many people who travel this busy highway. I have had many near misses and know of many others who have not been as lucky.

If you insist on feeding the deer, may I suggest you cross the busy highway in the dark to feed them

where they have miles and miles of bush to roam. Up until now I don't think there have been any serious accidents, mainly fender benders where unfortunately, it is the deer who have to pay the most.

Please read my letter and think about this before some motorist gets seriously hurt. The many deer lost in this section of highway should tell us that something has to be changed.

Terri Gardner,
Halls Lake.

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Editor:

Hi my name is Kyle Bulai and I have a cottage in Minden. Minden is a very loving and heartwarming place to be. The winter, fall, summer and spring are all nice there. If you want to buy a cottage, house or visit, Minden is the place to go to. You make friends very easily and people will be nice enough to help you when help is needed.

Minden is the only place that makes me feel good about myself because of its beautiful colors. I think that Minden is the nicest town in the world because the warm Autumn colors soothe you and relax you.

I first went to Minden in 1998 and I loved it, I still do love it. I think that any body young or old would enjoy being in a town as quiet and as peaceful as Minden is. There is so much more things that I could write about Minden but there's so much wonderful stuff in Minden that I can't name.

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Quail, quail, the gang's all here

Funny how life sneaks up and whacks you upside the head when you least expect it.

There I was, my nose buried in the newspaper, when I heard a terrific WHUMP above my head. Went outside, looked up on the roof. Nothing. Then I heard a rustling and looked down to see a quail at my feet.

You familiar with quail? They're bigger than a robin; smaller than a partridge and look kind of...well, goofy. They hang out in bunches and they've got this ridiculous thingmabob that hangs off the top of their heads making them look like a chorus line of flappers beetling through your garden.

And they beetle a lot. In fact I think quail periodically forget that they can actually fly, because they'll often run for ages before they take off.

The average quail is not the brightest bundle of feathers in God's aviary, but they're undeniably cute. Dumb, but cute. Sort of like Dan Quayle, come to think of it.

But the quail on my front lawn was even more confused than Dan. I don't know if a hawk knocked him out of the sky or he ran into a hydro line but something had crossed his circuits. He was at my feet, running for all he was worth. Except he wasn't going any-

where. He was lying on his side, his legs windmilling fruitlessly. I righted him so that his feet hit the ground. The bird burned rubber for about three feet and fell on its side again. It was a mystery.

The bird was alert, unbloodied, nothing seemed broken - but he couldn't stand up. Stayed too long at the Office Party? So I found myself looking up the number for the Wildlife Natural Care Centre. I felt like an idiot.

It's Sunday afternoon, I'm calling about a dizzy bird. And I'd be eating chicken for dinner. Talk about hypocritical. "This might sound silly" I said into the phone, "but there's this ummm, quail on my front lawn..." and I detailed the bird's symptoms.

The man's voice at the other end responded as if I was calling from Lotto 649. "Oh, could you bring him in?" Next thing I knew I was motoring up a long winding driveway with a cardboard box full of quail. Jeff Lederman was waiting for me.

Jeff is, I'd guess in his late 40's, professorially scruffy. With his beard and hair, he looks a bit like Abby Hoffman, only with kinder eyes. Jeff runs the Centre - and no one's more

surprised about that than Jeff. A few years back he was an urban artist in New Mexico who wouldn't know a whitetail deer from a John Deere tractor.

And then "It seemed that one morning I awoke in the body of a wildlife rehabilitator". Now, he spends his days at the Saltspring Island Wildlife Centre, rehab-ing busted-up owls, car-struck deer, orphaned seal pups - hawks, 'coons, coyotes - just about any living critter that can't qualify for Medicare. It's hard work and it's expensive. Lederman could use more hours in his week and more dough to pay for the food and the medicines he uses, but he doesn't whine about it. Doesn't have time.

About an hour after I dropped the bird off, I was on the phone to the Centre again. "How's my quail?" I asked, like a worried father. "Looking good" said Jeff. "We think it might be spinal shock-trauma. He's on antibiotics and an anti-inflammatory in a nice warm cage with plenty of seed and water. Call again in a couple of days, we'll let you know how he's coming along."

Imagine. All that fuss over a bird-brained quail. I'm going to phone right now. Forgot to ask about visiting hours.

Etcetera

Arthur Black

Auxiliary marks 30 years of support

(from page one)

said to the crowd at the Haliburton Legion Hall.

"Our members have worked hard to raise this money, holding functions like this annual luncheon. The community has been generous in its support. Non-Auxiliary members have donated their time, and of course, without people coming to eat," she said referring to the patrons of the luncheon, "it would never be a success."

The president thanked everyone on behalf of the auxiliary members. "Thank you all who have helped us realize this goal of purchasing the new beds," she concluded as she presented

the cheque to vice chair Jack Brezina.

He commended the Auxiliary for its 30 years of dedication to the Haliburton Hospital and noted that in that time the organization had donated over a quarter of a million dollars to the hospital. Brezina pointed out that donations in that amount represented many hours of hard work at luncheons, teas, crafts and bake sales. On behalf of chairman, David Coulson, and the HHS board, he thanked the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary for their dedication over the past 30 years.

A list of donations made by the auxiliary recounts the three decades

of supporting the hospital in many ways, both large and small. The list includes:

- 1971- hair blower and electric razor
- 1975 - a respirator, the group's first large donation
- 1975 - table and 12 chairs for the hospital board room.
- 1978 - \$1000 toward the purchase of a cardiac monitor
- 1979 - Toys, books, playpen and small table for the pediatric ward
- 1981 - An ultrasound machine for physiotherapy
- 1982 - Blood pressure monitoring machine and two small radios
- 1982 - Uniforms,

caps and pins for the teenage volunteer corps

- 1983 - Worked on landscaping around the hospital
- 1984 - Purchased Norman Rockwell prints for the emergency room
- 1984 - Donated \$1500 for the purchase of a CAT Scan to be installed at Peterborough Civic Hospital
- 1984 - Weights and tens machine for the physiotherapy department
- 1984 - Purchased a heart monitor
- 1986 - Purchased VCR
- 1987 - Donated \$35,453 to the Haliburton Hospital Expansion Fund

• 1987 - Purchased a hearing aid device

- 1987 - Purchased ultra-sound equipment
- 1990 - Purchased cordless phone for hospital
- 1990 - Paid for patient phone installation
- 1991 - Purchased eleven television sets for patient rooms and lounge
- 1996 - Installation of X-ray equipment, air conditioning and furnishings for X-ray room
- 1997 - Heart monitor and slit lamp
- 1999 - Purchased teleradiology machine
- 1999 - Provided patients with subscriptions to the Toronto Star
- 2001 - Purchased 13 acute care beds for the newly renovated hospital



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Minden skaters earn six first place honours

Members of the Minden Skating Club competed on March 3 at the Kawartha Highlands Interclub Event in Peterborough. They did an admirable job representing Minden. The results are as follows:

CanSkate Ladies Flight 1: Hayley Hawkins - fourth

CanSkate Ladies Flight 2: Kirsten Schollig - first

CanSkate Ladies Flight 3: Chantal Cyr - second; Kaitlin Allore - seventh

Pre-Preliminary A Ladies Flight 1: Madeline Stewart - fifth

Pre-Preliminary A Ladies Flight 2: Steffy Mackenzie - first.

Preliminary A Ladies: Melanie Hawkins - third

Preliminary B Ladies: Brittany Hicks - third; Stephanie Foster - fifth

Preliminary C Ladies: Ashleigh Schollog - first

Junior Bronze Men: Edward Cyr - second

Junior Bronze A Ladies: Maddie Mackenzie - sixth; Nicole Perreault - seventh

Pre-Juvenile Mixed Dance: Ashleigh Schollig and Edward Cyr - first

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MINDEN'S PRIDE: Among the local competitors, at right, are: Back row (l to r): Kerri Matysek, Stephanie Foster, Nicole Perreault, Vanessa Davis, Ashleigh Schollig. Middle Row (l to r): Melanie Hawkins, Madeleine Stewart, Brittany Hicks. Front Row (l to R): Hayley Hawkins, Kirsten Schollig. ABSENT: Edward Cyr, Chantal Cyr, Kaitlin Allore, Keegan Mackenzie, Maddie Mackenzie, Steffy Mackenzie.



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Minden brothers burn up the track in Michigan

Lesters tally six top five finishes

- Submitted -

AJ Lester of Minden powered his fleet of Ski-Doo's to qualifying wins in both Semi-Pro 600 and Semi-Pro Open on the gnarly manmade track located outside the Pontiac Sliverdome in Pontiac, Michigan recently.

In Semi-Pro 500 qualifying, AJ ended up going to the Last Chance (LCQ) round to get a spot on the back row. Of the 500 final.

When the green flag dropped on the Semi-Pro 600 final on the Saturday afternoon, no one had better lines through the huge bumps than AJ.

Using expert tuning provided by his ace wrench Steve Charity, the 16 year-old literally flew over the competition after gating seventh. By midway through the race, AJ had charged up front, using razor precision passes and aerial moves to place his Ski-Doo solidly in the lead. He was never challenged to the checkers.

When the Semi-Pro Open final lined up on the Sunday afternoon, AJ was determined to keep his Open Class dominance intact. After gating mid-pack, it looked like he would have his hands full moving up front. Once again, AJ showed his ability to knife through traffic and he tore up the track, moving past two and three riders per lap. By lap five, AJ had his 700cc MX-ZX modified racer out front and he never looked back. At this point, he had two wins in two finals with one to go.

In the Semi-Pro 500 final, AJ had to line up in the back row after an "off" in qualifying. When the green flag dropped, AJ was 12th out of the first turn. In what seemed like an impossible race for the podium, AJ proved he was the fastest Semi-Pro in Michigan that weekend and threaded his way to an eventual third at

the checkered flag.

That concluded a stellar weekend, AJ's best in 2001, for the young racer from Minden.

Luke Lester, racing his Tim George tuned Polaris Pro-X Edge sleds, was coming off the best weekend of his career. In qualifying rounds, Luke proved his wins the week before in Timmins were no accident. Luke rode to dominant front row starting positions in all three Pro class qualifiers, winning the Pro 500 and 600 rounds handily.

When the green flag flew on the Pro 600 final, Luke charged immediately to the front of the pack, landing in a strong second position by the end of lap one in the 10-lap feature.

Chasing a top ranked WSA Pro lap after lap, Luke continued to use his machine's superb traction to keep his Polaris out front.

In a strange twist, on the last turn of the lap, he encountered two lapped sleds which had crashed. Making a split second decision, to go around them on the outside, he became momentarily tangled, allowing two sleds to get by on the inside. This left him fourth at the checkers.

Disappointed, but determined not to let this kind of thing happen again, Luke left the line cleanly in Sunday's Open final. His 726cc Polaris was rocking and again took him to a solid third place by the eighth lap. He then jumped into second and appeared headed for a strong finish when, once again, two corners from the checkers, he tangled with the leader. This left him fourth at the finish line.

In the Pro 500 class, Luke ran a strong race under grueling track conditions, carding a fifth at the finish.

All in all, Luke showed everyone he is a solid contender in CSRA Pro snowcross.

Women's hockey gets a skatehold in Minden

Diehard, win-at-all-costs players need not apply. That seems to be one of the few qualifications for the newly formed women's hockey teams in Minden.

A few weeks ago, an ad asking women who would be interested in playing hockey in Minden to get together with the goal of forming a few teams met with a good response. Women from Minden and Haliburton responded and a small league was formed.

Ice time was rented on Monday evenings and recently, an hour on Thursday evening has been added.

Monday nights feature players from both Minden and Haliburton. The skill levels vary, since some of the Haliburton women have as much as four years experience.

Thursday is reserved for less experienced players to hone their skills and have some fun. Observers who have seen the action from the start have commented that the skill levels are showing definite improvement.

This past Thursday saw enough players for two teams, with no spares. Even with a full hour of ice time, the tired skaters were still smiling as they came off the ice.

Monday action often sees as many as 25 players taking their shifts on the ice.

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Atom B Monarchs in finals

The Atom B Monarchs continue their winning ways, finishing their semi-finals with two wins in three hockey games.

The Monarchs traveled to Sunderland on September 24 and came home with a 7-1 victory. Minden scored two goals in the first period, two more in the second and three in the third before Sunderland finally got on the scoreboard in the last two minutes of the game.

Jared Mills notched a hat trick for the Monarchs. John Kerr added a pair and singles went to Adam Freeman and Davis Reynolds. Assists were earned by John Murray, Callie Cowen, Jake Findeis, Reynolds, Mills and Freeman.

The following weekend saw the Monarchs play two games against the Haliburton Huskies.

Haliburton got on the scoreboard first in Saturday's game a minute and a half into the game. Two minutes later, Jared Mills beat the Haliburton netminder, assisted by Adam Freeman. The first period ended in a 1-1 draw.

Most of the second period was scoreless, with good, close end-to-end action. Brittany Hicks broke the deadlock with a minute and a half left in the middle frame. Davis Reynolds assisted.

The Huskies came right back to

tie it up before the period ended.

Minden pressed hard in the third period, keeping the Haliburton snipers in check. Mike Toye, the Minden goaltender, stopped everything that came his way in the third period.

Late in the game, Adam Freeman found the corner of the Huskies' net for the game winner at 3-2. John Murray assisted.

The Sunday game was a reversal of the day before, with the Huskies coming out on top.

Each team scored once in the first period, with Minden's goal going to Roch Peterson. Assists went to Logan Brown and Adam Freeman.

Two unanswered goals in the second period gave Haliburton a 3-1 advantage going into the third.

The closely matched teams didn't leave many scoring opportunities in the third frame but Roch Peterson managed to find one, closing the gap to 3-2. Davis Reynolds assisted.

The Huskies held on to preserve the 3-2 win.

The Monarchs' semi-final record of five wins and three losses was enough to put them into the championship final series against Beaverton.

The Minden team went to Beaverton for the first game of the best-of-seven series.

Both teams played hard, but it wasn't until near the end of the first period when Beaverton broke the scoreless deadlock. Jared Mills was quick to reply, assisted by Roch Peterson to tie the game at 1-1.

The second frame saw Beaverton regain the lead, but late in the period, Davis Reynolds got the Monarchs back on even terms. Ryan Kerr set up the tying goal.

The third period followed the

same pattern, with Beaverton taking the lead at 3-2. This time, the Monarchs answered in just 30 seconds. Steve Kerr was the marksman, from Jake Findeis and Brittany Hicks. The third period ended with the score deadlocked at 3-3.

A five minute sudden death overtime period saw both teams give their all, trying to win the opening game of the series. Despite some close calls, neither team was able to pull the game out of the fire and it ended in a 3-3 tie.

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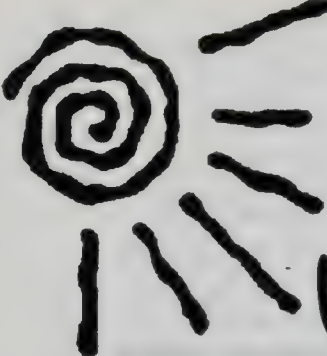
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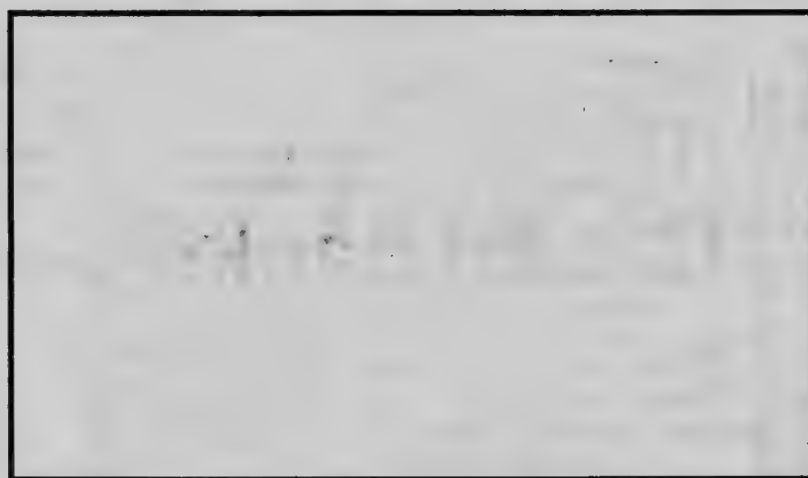
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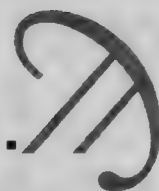
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Dorset school supporters could pursue legal recourse to keep school open

by Matthew Sitrler

'The heart and soul is being torn out of our communities and enough is enough,' a public voice is telling Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Last week, that voice increased in volume and started to bare its teeth to school trustees - hoping they will realize just how serious the communities are in preserving their schools.

On Monday, March 12, the District of Muskoka joined municipalities in Haliburton County and endorsed a resolution in support of Dorset and Oakley (in Vankoughnet) Elementary Schools. "That puts more than the local municipalities behind us - we have the district on both sides now," said an obviously pleased parent representative on the Dorset School Review Committee Lori Parniak. "I know also, that Haliburton County has passed that same resolution."

While the news definitely bolsters the Dorset proponent's spirits, the municipal governments can do little more than express their opinions. But those who have come to the defence of the schools, have developed a new tactic.

In the Township of Oakley, in Muskoka, where a century-old, two room school faces possible closure, there is already talk of seeking legal action that could keep both the Oakley and Dorset schools open.

Oakley proponents fed up with what they consider an unfair committee process, have looked to a precedent-setting court case in Seaforth, Ontario where an elementary school's supporters sought legal defence against the Avon - Maitland District School Board and won.

Last Thursday when the Muskoka District Council passed the latest resolution which backed Dorset Elementary as well, Oakley supporters emotions ran high as they listened to the scope and the spirit of the resolution. It read...

"Now therefore be it resolved the District Municipality of Muskoka respectfully requests and urges the Dorset School Review Committee and the Oakley School Review Committee and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board to: A) Conform to Board policy OP-6005 in its entirety and, in particular, recognize that local schools have significant importance to the community beyond the instruction of students. B) Investigate in detail the significant importance of the Hamlet of Dorset and the Township of the Lake of Bays and Sherborne, Stanhope et al and to the Village of Vankoughnet (Oakley), and to the District Municipality of Muskoka, and to the County of Haliburton of the Dorset Elementary School including issues such as: Community wellness, self-esteem and pride, community and area local and economic stability and impacts direct and indirect as well as the intangible elements and aspects related to the past, present and future presence of the Dorset Elementary and Oakley public schools in their respective communities."

Should either Oakley or Dorset school supporters travel down a legal avenue, Seaforth Ontario's precedent-setting decision could conceivably put a halt to any closure plans Trillium Lakelands District School Board has. Mr. Charles Smith, now a School Trustee with the Avon-Maitland District School Board says there are similarities between the Seaforth and Oakley/Dorset school situations.

Smith helped fight the closure of Seaforth Elementary - the case went before the courts and its decision kept the school open. Oakley supporters have contacted Smith in the hope of learning more about that case. "I'm a Trustee now - last year I was part of a group in Seaforth who took the school board to court," explains Smith.

"I have spoken to a committee member from Oakley and yes, I see parallels in what is going on there and all across the province." If people could form some sort of common front against unnecessary closure they could do something, he points out.

"One of the things I tell people is that if you are put upon by your municipality, you can go to the OMB and argue your case there. That's an ingrained part of western law, the right to appeal. It's also something you cannot do in the Education Act."

Smith points out that sometimes, a legal journey beginning with the OMB does not end until it has reached the Supreme Court of Canada. "In the Education Act, there is no right to appeal anything ex-

cept the way in which a child is classified under the intensive support part of special-ed," he continues. "On all other decisions made by school boards, there is no right to appeal to a body based on right and wrong. When we went to court, we went based on procedural fairness. They (School Boards) are required by the precedent law that has been established, to conduct themselves and their closure studies in fair fashion."

It strikes Smith as being very unusual that western society can be put-upon regarding very serious issues by bureaucratic bodies and there is no right to appeal the correctness of their decisions to a higher authority. "Like we have on virtually everything else," he continues, "I would very much support the notion to the current government that they take a look at that. It was a suggestion that I in fact, made to Dave Johnson when he was the Minister of Education. He expressed some interest in it because his background was in municipal politics."

The Avon-Maitland School Board Trustee says that if a safety mechanism was already in place, the public would not see things unfolding in places such as Oakley and Dorset the way they are. "Then the small town portions of the province would not go down the tubes," says Smith.

Parent Representative on the Dorset School Review Committee Sandy Mackay says that Oakley's case hinges more on the procedural fairness question than Dorset. "There may be some interest, but I don't want to include everyone else on the committee as saying that at this moment," he told *The Times*. "I have spoken to Graydon Boyes from Oakley, but that is as far as it has gone so far."

Dysart backs Dorset school

by Matthew Sitrler

The following items were discussed at the Dysart Council meeting of March 12.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board Trustee for Haliburton County Valerie Smith was present at council requesting support for Dorset Elementary School to remain open. Council unanimously endorsed the position.

"It's a pretty vital part of that small community up there, we should support this," commented Reeve Murray Fearrey. "We won't have a lot of input - what with the size of the school board, but schools are the heart of small communities."

Smith noted that Gooderham Elementary School is also expected to come up for review next year. "It

is unfair to rate a school like Dorset for closure," she said.

Harcourt heritage signs

A decision regarding the installation of signs at the entrances to the hamlet of Harcourt was tabled. Reeve Murray Fearrey told council the item should go to Municipality's Roads Committee for further scrutiny.

Search and rescue pagers

Haliburton County's Search and Rescue Unit has asked Council to provide the funding to purchase paging units for team members. While Reeve Fearrey was "not optimistic" about the request, it will be for-

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Linda Baumgartner elected Vice-President of OREA

Haliburton real estate salesperson Linda Baumgartner was elected as Vice-President of the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA) at its annual conference on February 28.



Linda Baumgartner:
OREA Vice-President.

In this capacity she will represent the association's members on the board of directors and the senior level executive committee.

Active in the real estate profession for 13 years, Baumgartner is a sales representative with Re/Max Haliburton Highlands

Realty Ltd. She is a member and past president of the Haliburton District Real Estate Board where she chaired several committees including the finance, professional standards and public relations committees. She has also served as a member of OREA's licensing education and MLS interconnectivity committees and the OREA Foundation strategy task force. Baumgartner most recently served OREA as director-at-large and as chair of the legal resources committee.

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OREA serves Realtors through a wide variety of professional publications, educational programs, government lobbying and special services. The association also provides all real estate licensing courses in Ontario.

Clean up could become mandatory in Minden Hills

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cannot be enforced," said Rigney. "Now that we have our new CBO, we would like his input about how to do this. We expect that within the next month or so."

If found to be enforceable, the by-law would include as yet undetermined fines for those who are not compliant. "The fines will come out of the final by-law," said Rigney. He said early summer is when he expects it will come into effect if passed.

"I'm a great believer that we communicate some of this stuff before we put it into place," he added. "We are looking at both rural and residential. There are still some minimum standards we would want on the rural ones too."

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Gallery funding will not increase: Dysart council

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warded to the budget committee for recommendation.

No extra Rails' End Gallery funding

The Rails' End Gallery has requested further funding from council to help with extensive plans it has to help return the establishment to a viable operation.

The request was nixed by Reeve Fearrey who commented they, "will receive the amount they have already been promised."

Weed inspector

Fire Chief Miles Maughan has been designated weed inspector for the municipality.

Drag Lake fisheries regulation change

Councillor Jerry Walker informed council about proposed regulation changes to fishing in Drag Lake.

The lake has been closed to winter fishing for a number of years and recent biology reports have shown there is no difference to fish levels because of the restrictions. "One of the findings has been that it is actually saturated with small trout," said Walker. "I urge council to open up winter fishing in Drag Lake and try to catch them." Reeve Fearrey said it wouldn't be hard to prepare a resolution supporting this position.

Barefoot/Wakeboard Event May 19

Some 35 contestants will once again take part in a Barefoot/Wakeboard competition on May 19 at the Government Dock on Head Lake. Council has given its approval after being told that all the boats involved will be insured.

Boxing in Dysart Arena

Council has received a unique request from a promoter to hold a boxing event at the Dysart Arena in Haliburton. It would be the first of its kind in the village.

The proposed events would be between trained boxers and also be open to matches between members of the public who would like to take a swing at the sport.

Deputy Reeve Bill Davis suggested, humorously, there should be matches held between the various councils. "You can take on Oyler," he told Reeve Fearrey referring to Minden Hills Councillor Peter Oyler. "I could probably out-run him," laughed the Reeve.

The event would be a promotional one. Deputy Reeve Davis said he would have to make sure it was a professional organization managing the event before he gave his approval. Further information is to be sought on the matter before any decision is taken.

Deputy Reeve Recycling Resolution

Deputy Reeve Bill Davis brought a resolution to council supporting the recycling of pop and liquor bottles in the Province of Ontario. "This has been in my bonnet ever since I came back from B.C.," announced Davis.

"The onus would be on the retailer. In B.C. you get \$1.60 for a whiskey bottle from the liquor store. It

would relieve pressure on our dumps and clean up our roads at the same time."

Council heard Davis out and endorsed the resolution. "I believe the Province of Ontario should legislate the manufacturers to make the bottles returnable," said Davis. "We have the best beer bottle deposit record in Canada. Ontario holds the highest rate for returns. Mr. Reeve - there is my resolution."

Deer Point Condominium consensus reached

Dysart County Town Planner Pat Martin informed Council that a consensus has been reached between SpruceTree Incorporated and the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization (LKO).

The 63 units are still intact and demolition of parts of the existing property is expected to be able to begin shortly. As well, Teacher Dave Mowat's Science class from Haliburton High School is taking part

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High single: John Pugh 228; Lillian Mattsson 221
High single (handicap): Ross Henderson 265; Hilda Rynholt 263

High triple: John Pugh 638; Lillian Mattsson 545
High triple (handicap): Ross Henderson 718; Betty Hicks 715

Wednesday Afternoon League

High average: Ken Thompson 220; Marie Thompson 192

High single: Ken Thompson 276; Marie Thompson 250

High single (handicap): Avar Edwards 269; Marie Thompson 277

High triple: Ken Thompson 667; Marie Thompson 692

High triple (handicap): Avar Edwards 681; Marie Thompson 773

Thursday Afternoon League

High average: Ken Thompson 253; Josie Cheesman 192

High single: Ken Thompson 299; Georgina Parkes 220

High single (handicap): Larry Arena 318; Laura Carnegie 274

High triple: Ken Thompson 761; Josie Cheesman 577

High triple (handicap): Larry Arena 827; Barbara Gamble 697

Skaters excel in Peterborough

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Pre-Preliminary Similar Dance: Steffy Mackenzie and Madeline Stewart - second; Melanie Hawkins and Kirsten Schollig - seventh

Preliminary Similar Dance: Stephanie Foster and

Youth Bowling Council in Minden

Alan Clement rolls 246

Smurf

High average: Matthew Besner 71; Jordan Moore 39

High single: Matthew Besner 60; Jordan Moore 38

High double: Matthew Besner 117; Jordan Moore 66

Bantam

High average: Robert Cox 115; Tori Brown 128

High single: Creighton Griffin 185; Brenda Mercer 175

High triple: Creighton Griffin 466; Tori Brown 472

Junior

High average: Jeff Mickle 155; Lesley Cox 157

High single: Justin McKelvey 163; Corinne Hogg 182

High single (handicap): Brad Brown 204; Lesley Cox 232

High triple: Justin McKelvey 454; Lesley Cox 488

High triple (handicap): Justin McKelvey 571; Angela Willing 642

Senior

High average: Joe Cox 193; Kelly Berry 182

High single: Alan Clement 246; Kelly Berry 239

High single (handicap): Alan Clement 282; Kelly Berry 255

High triple: Joe Cox 560; Kelly Berry 648

High triple (handicap): Stirling Crowe 678; Kelly Berry 696

Ashleigh Schollig - first; Brittany Hicks and Maddie Mackenzie - second

Junior Bronze Similar Dance: Nicole Perreault and Vanessa Davis - fourth

Open Similar Dance: Kerry Matysek and Keegan Mackenzie - fifth

Beginner Pairs Flight 1: Melanie Hawkins and Ashleigh Schollig - fourth

Beginner Pairs Flight 2: Steffy Mackenzie and Stephanie Foster - second

Intermediate Pairs Flight 1: Brittany Hicks and Maddie Mackenzie - sixth

Intermediate Pairs Flight 2: Nicole Perreault and Vanessa Davis - fourth

Open Pairs: Kerry Matysek and Keegan Mackenzie - fourth

Preliminary Interpretive Flight 1: Chantal Cyr - sixth

Preliminary Interpretive Flight 2: Hayley Hawkins - sixth

Junior Bronze Interpretive Flight 1: Vanessa Davis - second

Team Skating Skills: Minden - fifth

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The four student cast members from the production *Gedermat* with HHSS drama teacher Darrell Dobson. The students include, from the left, Dan Morgan, Camilla Petit, Carrie Heyes and Chris Ratz. (Amanda Robinson photo)

Sears Drama Festival

Student play selected for regionals

A HHSS student production of *Gedermat* was named the outstanding performance at the Sears Drama Festival held recently in Gravenhurst. The play was one of two the Red Hawk Players took to the annual high school festival.

Gedermat relates a complicated tangle of inter-personal relationships as they unfold in an apartment laundromat. The second play was *Death by Woody Alan*.

In addition to winning top honours,

Carrie Heyes was given an Award of Excellence for her role in *Gedermat* while Chris Ratz, who appeared in both productions, received an Award of Merit for his acting.

Drama teacher Darrell Dobson had praise for the students who represented HHSS, noting that not only were their productions well received by the adjudicator, they were also good ambassadors for the school.

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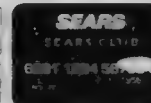
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Implants would make tracking pets easier

A proposal aimed at encouraging responsible pet ownership was presented to Haliburton County Council at the February meeting. Elizabeth Kovach, a Registered Veterinary Technician with the Minden Animal Clinic, suggested that the County pass a by-law that would encourage pet owners to have their cats and dogs implanted with microchip identification that would be linked to a national pet registry. Kovach urged council to amend its current by-law to create a lifetime license for those who subscribe to the implant technology.

The cost to implant a microchip in an animal is \$65, but Kovach suggested council consider charging a maximum \$25, which would require the county to subsidize the cost by \$40 per animal. She pointed out that Toronto provides owners of microchipped pets with lifetime licenses.

"This allows the municipalities to protect their revenue base, while pet owners benefit from a 24-hour national pet recovery without any cost to the taxpayer," she explained. "Over time, the townships would save money as more pets are permanently identified and can be returned home without a lengthy and costly stay in a shelter."

She added that pets microchipped with PetNet are provided with free collar tags.

Kovach noted that the procedure is painless and quick. She said a veterinarian placed the microchip, which is about the size of a grain of rice, between the animal's shoulder blades, just under the skin, with a syringe. The veterinarian then files a lifetime registration form with the national registry and written confirmation of the registration is sent to

the pet owner.

A microchipped pet which is recovered by a by-law officer can easily be identified by the officer with a scanner, which reads the number from the chip. The officer then calls a toll free 24-hour hotline and the name and address of the registered owner is obtained. Scanners are provided free of charge to shelters by the national registry operator. The tags also carry the registration number, so a neighbour who retrieves a lost pet can call the hotline and arrange for the return of the pet to its owner.

"There are over 5,000 pet/owner reunions every year using this system," Kovach said, adding that Minden Hills has had one such reunion.

A total of more than 400,000 pets have been microchipped and registered in Canada. More than 1000 veterinary clinics offer the service and 450 shelters across the country are equipped with scanners. The procedure is endorsed by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the Canadian Kennel Club, the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council and the Canadian Association of Humane Societies. All have endorsed a single, national technology standard. All puppies imported from the United States since 1995 must carry a microchip compatible with this standard.

In addition, many humane societies require that all adopted cats and dogs be microchipped and registered on the PetNet National Pet Registry.

Kovach told council the Ontario Municipal Act gives municipalities the authority to use a variety of means to license ani-

mals and specifically includes the use of microchips.

"Pet owners do not buy licenses for a variety of reasons, including the fact that the cost of non-compliance is low; the chance of getting caught is low; benefits of buying a licence are viewed as minimal; and the difficulties of finding the registration office are viewed as not worth the trouble," Kovach said. "The city of Toronto recognized this reality and moved to offer pet owners an incentive for permanently identifying their pets."

I propose that our townships take a positive approach to pet licensing that encourages owners to permanently identify their pets with microchip identification," Kovach added. "The advantages are: the townships will save money; pet owners get something of value by being a part of a national pet registry; vets have an incentive to encourage their clients to identify and license their pets as part of the animal's visit to the animal clinic; and non-pet owning taxpayers would not be subsidizing pet owners. Most important, pets can be protected because they can be identified in any jurisdiction across Canada, should they become lost."

She said that one major benefit, as more pets are microchipped, would be lower costs incurred by pets staying in shelters. It will also reduce the costs associated with destroying animals that can't be identified and returned to their owners.

Council made no immediate commitment to the proposal.

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Condo development gets nod

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in developing a lakeside master plan to show how shoreline vegetation can be re-established after structures are taken out.

Councillor Jerry Walker felt the overall public process worked successfully. "Both parties worked well together - I think it will be a great addition to the community."

Reeve Fearrey asked that when working with any Lake Association in the future, the minutes from those organizations meetings be made available to council. "So that we know we are dealing with the issues that are of concern to the association," he said. "I think that sometimes individuals or small groups tend to act on their own and don't voice the opinion of the whole organization."

BIA Representatives/Budget Request

Dysart's BIA has requested the levy of member businesses be continued at the same amount as last year: \$10,000. BIA Treasurer Fraser Rogers, said there was one changed consideration to this year's budget

that council should take note of. "We've had a cost over-run with special funds that were set aside by council for festive lighting," said Rogers. "We ended up being \$1,192.60 over-budget. So that has not been built in as an expenditure this year." Council approved the \$10,000 figure.

BIA President Jim Henwood reiterated his concern about the lack of interest at the organization's AGM from the majority of area businesses. He suggested that a stiffer annual business levy be introduced so that the businesses would pay attention and want to see results for their dollars. "Maybe the levy should be four times the amount it is," agreed Rogers.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said that decision wouldn't be a hard one for him to pass. The BIA Executive also discussed a way to clear Haliburton Village main street of its parking meters. The idea is to install boxes that would dispense cards that could be left in vehicles windows informing the by-law officer of the amount of time the person has paid for parking. Further Council direction on this issue is expected as well.



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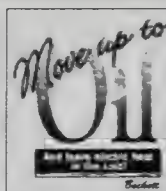
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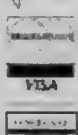
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Busy times for Brownies Sparks and Guides

Salutations from the 1st Minden Brownies!

We are having a lot of fun recently. January 9th everyone participated in learning simple first aid skills. We each had the opportunity to use those skills with drama and play. White safety gloves off for a great job girls! We would also like to thank the Minden Girl Guides for inviting us to the Guide hall for crafts, games and teaching us how to roll our sleeping bags. A special thank you to the leaders for their help and guidance.

Patti Northey,
Brown Owl, 1st
Minden Brownies.

On January 27, the First Minden Guides held its first Winter Olympics. We invited the Minden Sparks, Brownies and Pathfinders. We also invited the Haliburton Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and Senior Branches. The whole day was filled with fun.

We did such things as crafts, sledding and snowpainting, just to name a few of our activities. We hope all the girls enjoyed their day. We look forward to making this an annual event.

Second Minden Sparks have been participating in quite a few exciting activities over the last couple of months. On January 19th we hosted our first sleep-over at the Guide hall. All the girls helped set up tents inside and we played some great games and made some cool crafts. All the girls received a Spark doll pin and they completed their Sing Ontario program and received a badge.

January 23 we had a special visitor: Constable Laura Ostler (O.P.P. Officer) came to speak to us about safety in our community and to teach us that police officers are always there to help. The leaders and girls would like to give Laura a big thank you for her time.

Our biggest event of the year was our weekend trip to Camp Adelaide on February 16, 17 & 18. The girls had a full weekend of great crafts, games, tobogganing and of course, doing the dishes. Each girl received a badge for her weekend participation.

Also, Thinking Day was celebrated February 22nd and a big thanks goes to all the Girl Guides of Canada mem-



Girls guides enjoy the Winter Olympic games.

bers who participated in this event by wearing their uniforms to work or school.

The next couple of months will be even more exciting as we plan our end of the year trip and maybe another spectacular sparkling sleepover.

The Second Minden Sparks are asking everyone in the community for their support in our challenge to raise \$100.00 in Canadian Tire money which we will be donating to the Canadian Tire Family Foundation. In raising this money, Canadian Tire will be donating a tent to the Sparks for their contribution to families in need. Canadian Tire money can be dropped off at the Minden United Church every Tuesday from 6 to 7:45 p.m.

The original chocolate and vanilla Girl Guide cookies are now available. Girls, please do your best to sell as many boxes as possible. Thanks to all who support

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Purchase and removal of a house structure located on Lot 26, Con. 7, Ops Township (47 Wilson Road) as per conditions of the tender. Envir #06-2001

All tenders are to be received by **11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 12th, 2001.** City of Kawartha Lakes Tender forms and envelopes must be used and can be picked up at:

City of Kawartha Lakes,
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50 Wolfe Street,
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The Brownies who completed a basic first aid course display their white safety gloves.

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Health Unit update

Search for co-ordinator extended

Items from the March 6 meeting of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

The selection committee responsible for hiring an Early Years Co-ordinator has decided to look further for potential candidates and will again advertise the position, inviting interested applicants to apply.

Last September, the provincial government announced \$6-million would be available province-wide to fund the hiring of co-ordinators to link the efforts of various community organizations to help foster support of children from birth to six years of age. The HKPR District Health Unit struck a selection committee and advertised for the position. Prior to interviewing, the criteria for candidates was altered by the Ministry and the selection process was halted.

Food poisoning

Sylvia Daleman, an Inspector with the Health Unit's Environmental Health department and Ted Wagner, an Inspector with the Health Unit's Communicable Disease Control department made a presentation to the Board on food poisoning.

Their presentation included an examination of the types of food poisoning, investigation of an outbreak and samples required by the CDC department. Some highlights included:

- as of 1997, reports from Health Canada estimate that more than two million cases of food-borne disease occur each year in Canada;
- these cases generate up to \$1-billion annually in direct medical expenses, lost income, legal expenses and other costs;
- the HKPR District Health Unit investigated 2,012 proven cases of food and water contamination between 1991-2000;
- during the same 10 year period, the Health Unit investigated 406 proven cases of salmonella, and 1,218 cases of unproven salmonella. This equates to 162 cases a year of salmonella that the Health Unit has investigated.

Influenza immunization summary

A report was presented to the Board on the immunization rates for staff and residents of long-term care facilities and hospitals in the Health Unit's area. As of this date, there have been no influenza outbreaks

in any of the facilities. The report indicated a steady increase in staff and resident immunization rates from 1998.

Operating Statement

Received for information, the operating statement for the HKPR District Health Unit as of January 31, 2001. The Health Unit had expenditures of \$648,075. The Health Unit has yet to set its 2001 budget.

"Our hope is that, after its orientation, the Board will not set just a single year budget, but will set a multi-year budget that will address the financial and staffing needs of the Health Unit for the next few years," said Dr. Hukowich.

Correspondence

• A letter from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care announcing the Health Unit will receive \$734,770 this year as its allocation under the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program.

The board approved, a motion to support a call by the Ontario Clean Air Alliance that a proposal by Ontario Power Generation to install selective catalytic reduction units at its Lambton and Nanticoke power plants be subject to a joint federal-provincial environmental assessment.

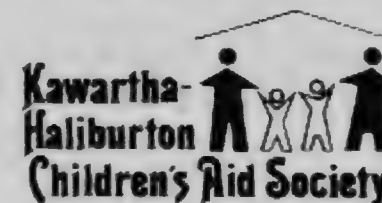
Medical Officer of Health remarks

Dr. Alex Hukowich said the Board had received information that the province was considering increasing fines for infractions under the food premises regulations. Under the proposed increase, fines could rise to \$500 if a high-risk establishment was found to have an infraction.

A motion was approved to charge a consulting firm working with a Haliburton municipality for the actual cost of providing copies of septic certificates from the last 25 years. The municipality is working with the consulting firm to re-inspect septic systems and had asked the Health Unit to provide copies of its records.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, at 10 a.m. in the Health Unit's Lindsay office.



Volunteer Board Members Needed The Kawartha-Haliburton C.A.S

This agency is established to protect children and promote their best interests under the mandate of the Child and Family Services Act. The Agency covers the Counties of Peterborough, Haliburton and the City of Kawartha Lakes with meetings generally occurring at Peterborough. The Board is particularly interested in new members with expertise in finance, law or medicine although other backgrounds will be considered. You must be at least 18 years of age.

As a volunteer Board Member you would be expected to commit approximately 4-6 hours per month. Members are reimbursed for expenses.

If interested send resume, prior to April 6, to:
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The Kawartha-Haliburton CAS
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EARLY YEARS COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATOR

A challenging opportunity exists for an individual to become the Early Years Community Co-ordinator for the counties of Northumberland and Haliburton and the City of Kawartha Lakes. Under the direction of the Early Years Steering Committee, you will mobilize all-sector support, raise awareness, lead communities in the development of an Early Years Action Plan, and liaise with community groups developing proposals for submission to the government's Early Years Challenge Fund.

The successful candidate will possess skills and qualifications in the following areas: leadership, facilitation, knowledge of the local community, understanding of the vision for early child development and parenting as outlined in the Early Years Study, an ability to work collaboratively, organizational ability, communication skills, computer literacy and an understanding of research and evaluation techniques. A post-secondary degree in a related field and a minimum of five years experience in social and health services is required.

The Early Years Community Co-ordinator is a contract position and is expected to continue until March 31, 2002. The Health Unit will be the host agency for the project, with the Co-ordinator being accountable to a cross-community Steering Committee, the Health Unit, and the Children's Secretariat.

The Early Years Community Co-ordinator will be appointed through an Order in Council by the Provincial government.

Interested individuals are invited to forward a submission addressing the specifications outlined above and a resume by April 6, 2001 to:

Selection Committee, Early Years Co-ordinator
c/o Fiona Gowing, Director, Family Health
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit
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Razzamataz Kid's Shows! will also be selling 'Early Bird' ticket passes for next year's exciting new concert series. Four performances have been booked, including "Erewhon Theatre" with their heart warming adaptation of the Charles Dickens story "A Christmas Carol"; the talented musical group "The Smudge Fundaes" with their fun filled and entertaining program "Sing For Your Supper!"; "William Orlowski & Company" with their adaptation of Tomie de Paola's award winning book "Oliver Button is a Sissy" and "Dufflebag Theatre's" unique interpretation of the Hans Christian Anderson tale "The Emperor's New Clothes".

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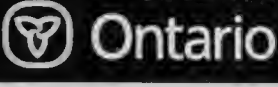
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Tender documents will also be available at the mandatory on-site meeting on March 13th, 2001.

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Tenders must be received at the above address before 2:00 p.m. local time on Friday, March 23, 2001. Tenders will be opened publicly on Friday, March 23, 2001 at 2:15 p.m. (local time). Tenders received after the closing date/time will be returned unopened.

The lowest, highest, or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
All tenders received will be evaluated.

Parents' Council salutes award winners

Report from The Parents' School Council of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School [HHSS]

HHSS Parents' School Council met on February 27. Reports of many interesting happenings included the presentation of the Duke of Edinburgh awards to six students on February 23 ... Carrie Heyes, Abbey Pearsall, and Kim Varty won gold, and Amanda Lawlor, Lesley Pearsall, and Joanne Varty won bronze. Congratulations to all!

Co-curricular activities

These are still a go in a major way. Kudos to the Senior Girls' Volleyball Team for winning the COSSA Double A championship. The Boys' Curling Team went to the COSSA tournament. The Junior Girls' Volleyball Team went to the Kawartha and COSSA tournaments. Both Senior and Junior Basketball teams have finished for the year, the Senior team going to the Kawartha playoffs.

Three girls went to the COSSA Nordic skiing tournament and won; they will now go on to the OFFSA tournament.

February 26 saw the presentation of four plays by the Drama Club, with two of these going to the Sears Festival in Barrie. Thank you to all who extend themselves to spend time with our students. There is a proverb that says, "the

good you do will return to you".

Smoking at HHSS ... or not!

Jennifer Haley, after attending an anti-smoking student seminar, has developed an imaginative plan to achieve the goal of lowering the number of HHSS students who smoke. Smoking on school premises is not allowed. We wish Jennifer success in her endeavour.

OPP Canine Unit

The HHSS hosted the canine unit, to conduct a drug search of lockers. Everyone was very impressed by the performance of the dogs. We are glad to report no drugs were found. Students are very supportive of the searches.

School Emergency Preparedness

Vice Principal Irv Sternberg reported on the steps which have been taken to ensure HHSS is prepared for any emergency situation. The School Board has mandated that each school must have an emergency response plan. HHSS is way ahead of other schools in preparedness. Irv and his committee have done an excellent job, and the staff and School Council feel satisfied that all of the details have been looked after.

Council News

- Steve Phillips is stepping down as

teaching staff rep and Ron Yake will fill this position.

• The Council will host a Volunteer Fair on May 9, inviting non-profit organizations a chance to enlist the services of high school students who must complete 40 hours of volunteer work before they can graduate. Interest is keen and we believe the fair will be a very successful first time event for us. Interested organizations can contact Cathy Lewis-Lloyd or Steve Smith through the Council's phone line ... 457-2950, ext 549.

• Sophia Tink reported on the Ontario Parent Council Regional Forum in Barrie January 13. Changes will be needed to bring our by-laws into compliance with new regulations from the Ministry of Education re Parents' School Councils. A committee was formed to create new by-laws.

Student Council

If you come to H.H.S.S this month, you may see a lot more people than usual with shaved heads. This month, the Student's Council started their fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society. The student's goal is to raise over \$5,000. The incentive? If the goal is reached, over 25 students and staff will shave their heads! When each \$300 mark is reached, the scheduled student will shave his head! After the first day of fundraising, over \$300 was raised...the first student's hair was

shaved at lunch hour on Tuesday, March 6.

Community members have also come forward to shave their head for the cause and many others have contributed money to students with pledge forms. If you are interested in donating money to H.H.S.S "Head for a Cure" call the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and leave a message for Katharine Hagerman.

After students return from March break, they can look forward to a dance scheduled to take place on March 30. A DJ from the Toronto area will provide the music for this fun-filled night.

May 12, has also been booked for this year's prom. The students will have a chance to dress up and attend a dance at the PineStone Resort Ballroom.

Next meeting

The parent's council next meeting is Monday, March 26, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the High School. Valerie Smith, our school trustee will be attending.

Laverne Smith, Senior Consultant with the firm helping to find a new Director of Education for Trillium Lakelands School District will also be present, to receive input from Haliburton area parents and School Councils. Also, the School Improvement Plan and School Profile will be reviewed.

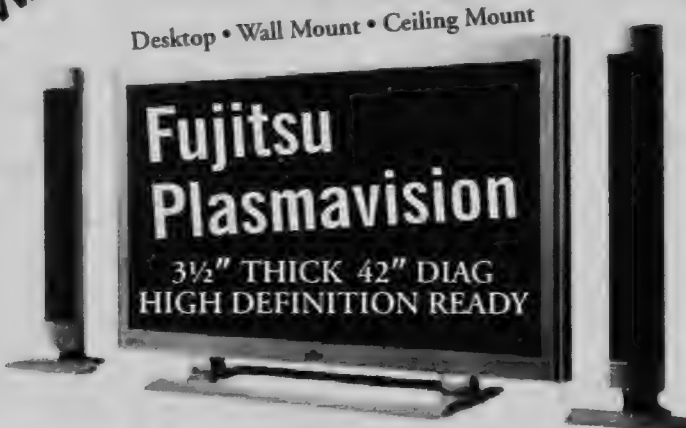
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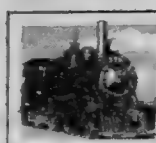
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Watching for signs of spring

Here we are again, ready to bring you up to date on our latest happenings. There's quite a gang of us gathered today to sit and chat and we are so pleased to have Roy back with us again. Us ladies like to joke about and call him our token male, but Roy is a good sport and gives as good as he gets. All kidding aside Roy, glad to have you back.

We have had some great entertainment this last week. Don White and Vivian Heatherington were with us at our Happy Hour. Don plays the violin and Vivian the piano. The classical music they played was wonderful and very much enjoyed. Also visiting us lately were some favourites of ours, the Norland Hillbillies. They were here for our Pub Night, although Butch was missing. Apparently he had slipped on some ice and broke his shoulder. We're sorry to hear that Butch, hope you mend quickly, we miss you.

A group of ladies from Allsaw Pentecostal hosted our latest Tea Party. What lovely hosts they were, not only did they feed us some wonderful treats they entertained us as well. We thoroughly enjoyed their visit and we thank them for coming.

One of our visitors recently was Gerald Hicks. Gerald is with the Highland Woodcarvers and he brought some wonderful carved items with him. There were small animals and birds, all beautifully done. We certainly appreciate Gerald taking the time to share them with us. He hopes to return and spend a little more time demonstrating the craft and we will

be looking forward to that.

During our Chapel Service this week we joined Pastor Dan Millard in a memorial for Edna Scott. We were pleased to have Edna's two sons' with us as we celebrated her life.

Also taking place this week was our regular Residents' Council Meeting and it was good to see so

many residents attending this one. Of course our card players were busy competing again. Margaret and Thelda vs Harold and Marjorie

and we were told that Margaret and Thelda won two games to one. These players certainly enjoy their cards!

Our next birthday coming up is Margaret Feero who celebrates on March 24th, Happy Birthday Margaret. Make sure you enjoy your special day.

St. Patrick's Day is almost here and our home has been sporting an Irish theme this month. We have a St. Patrick's Day party scheduled with the Pickards to entertain us. We will have to tell you about it next week. Also coming up is the first day of "spring" (officially that is). We are hoping Mother Nature is paying attention to the calendar as we feel it's time winter let go, don't you think? We'll just have to cross our fingers.

Time to sign off - we will leave you with this:

*"Dance as if no one were watching,
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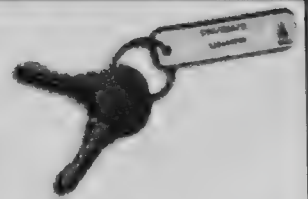
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- shoulder and pavement widening
- drainage improvements
- highway repaving
- frost heave repairs
- northbound left turn lanes at Gull Lake Road, Gull Lake Road #28, and the north and south entrances to Pine Ridge Road
- southbound left turn lane at Davis Lake Road

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Thursday, March 22, 2001

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Minden, Ontario

Ministry of Transportation and Consultant staff will be present to discuss the project.



This study has followed the approval planning process for Group "B" projects under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities including this opportunity for public input. Opportunity exists at any time during this study for persons to request an Individual Environmental Assessment. Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be available for public review. A notice will appear in local papers advising of publication.

For additional information or to provide comments, please contact:

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Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 286-4450; email <mindenhouse@on.albn.com>)

Just as I sat poised at the computer to write the column for the week, the sun burst forth and it was a spring sun, dazzling in its strength of colour. Of course it disappeared as fast as it showed itself, but hope now does spring eternal. Jack Brezina's ultimatum to Mother Nature in his editorial of March 5, declaring "Winter is over and Spring can now begin", has finally been heard. 'She' was a little slow in getting Jack's message but it looks like 'She' heeded the sound of the frustration expressed by the editor on behalf of the citizens of this county town!!

I am also feeling much more secure as Ted got the ice and snow off the roof of the house and cottages yesterday. The temperature was just right and it all slid off with a minimum of effort. (That is not to say Ted didn't work hard. His back was very sore at the end of the job.) My stress level went down many degrees as each piece of ice fell to the ground. It now looks like we had a major snowstorm with the piles of snow around the base of the buildings but I would rather see it there than where it fell from. Now I won't be as nervous when a spring rain comes. Do I dare mention the fear of where all this ice and snow is going to go?

The other topic of interest to our town is the fear of losing the music program from Archie Stouffer school with the retirement of Glen Carter. (That was a great picture of him on the cover of the March 5 edition of the Times.) It is frightening how subjects like music are being dropped from curriculums. In times of trouble, usually financial, the cultural, the courses thought to be non-essential, are eliminated from our children's education. I understand in the big cities the schools are afraid of losing them too. It is difficult to think of a society without an appreciation and a knowledge of music. To me it is essential to the education of a well rounded student: discovering and encouraging talents; helping students learn to express themselves; showing students there is much more to life than just the basics.

Interesting, and maybe in some way connected to all the concern and evidence of 'bullying' in our schools. What is going on? What do we have to do? Dropping music classes I am sure would be part of the problem not part of the solution. We can be very thankful we have had Glen Carter at Archie Stouffer and that he brought such an enriched program to our children for 30 years.

Best wishes go out to Marie Cox who fell and broke her arm. Not nice!!

I have been very fortunate over the last few weeks. I have met two 'voices' face to face. Each week for the last three years I have talked to Marg McAfee on the phone when she reports the scores for the Seniors at the Legion. We were both in *The Times* office at the same time a few weeks ago. After all that

time and now we know what we look like. My best wishes go out to Marg. Then Elva Paisley, who is a very helpful friend to Marg, and who had expressed wanting to meet also when she was phoning in scores, arrived at Marg's home when I was there so we have met also. Feels good!!

Very hesitantly, I wish us a good week for the week when spring arrives officially. Oh, do we ever deserve it!! Also good luck with your roofs!! And your basements!!

SCORING NEWS

Thursday, March 8: Euchre at the Minden Legion: Brenda Deguire and Marcel Roussel each won a lone hand. Pat Roussel and Kevin Maloney won the high scores and Verna McDonald and Georgina Deeks won the lows. Carol Hill, Helen Skelding, Elva Paisley and Norm Lee won the other prizes.

Friday, March 9: Duplicate Bridge at Echo Hills: In first with 59% were Reet Murray and Bill Sandford. In second, with 57%, the Metcalfs, Jacqui and Kelly. In third, with 53% were Mayme Douglas and Vera Carnochan.

Saturday, March 10: Bid Euchre at Staunworth Terrace: Pat Roussel was first followed by Kevin Maloney in second. Marcel Roussel found the hidden score. Margaret Fletcher won two moonshots and Norm Lee and Kevin Maloney each won one.

Monday, March 12: Bid Euchre with the Kinmount Seniors: Ida Young was in first with Vic Ballik in second. Ida Young found the hidden score. Ida Young also won a moonshot along with Cindy Harvie. It obviously was Ida's Day!!

Euchre with the Friendship Club at St. Paul's: Ken Rowden won lone hands. Lorna Hicks was high woman and Bill Van Dyke was high man. Anne Dinesen was low. Verna McDonald and Fern Donnelly each won a draw.

Cribbage at the Minden Legion: Ed Hisson was first and Roy McDonald was second. Ann Baker, Syd Adamson, Ed Hisson and Joe Rivers each won a draw.

Euchre at Club 35: Helen Windsor won the 50/50 draw. Alf Whyman took lone hands. Gayle McConnell and Alvin Cowen won the high scores and Helen Windsor and Wally Harpur took the lows. Barb Robitaille walked off with the baloney. There were special awards last week, going to Rhoda Woolner and Garth Windsor.

Tuesday, March 6: Euchre at Gelert: Reta Crofts and Lorna Hicks were the high and low women. Bob Vick and Orval Francis were the same for the men. Dorothy McElwain won lone hands and Don Curry won the 50/50 draw.

Tuesday, March 13: Euchre at Lochlin: Isabel Saunders won lone hands. Men's high and low went to Harold Harvie and George Bartley. Emily Harvie and Barbara Carpenter were high and low for the women. Ralph Young won the 50/50 draw.

Bid Euchre for Seniors at the Minden Legion: Now here are some interesting winnings for certain individuals!! High scores went to Pat Scadden, Gala Stamp, Ann Baker and Verna McDonald. Moonshots went to Pat Scadden, Milton Fletcher and Marcel Roussel. Hidden scores were found by Pat Scadden, Milton Fletcher and Marcel Roussel. Is it fixed???

Bridge at Stanhope: Week seven without any slams!!! Come on guys!! High scores went to: Reet Murray, first with 5120; Ross Fletcher, second with 4900; Stan Hill, third with 4570; and fourth, Betty Schlotter, 4530. The magic number went to Bill Strype for the second week. Two special awards

also: Betty Strype won the I.D.C. (I Don't Care Award) and the W.T.G. (Where To Go Award!!), won by Muriel McIntosh.

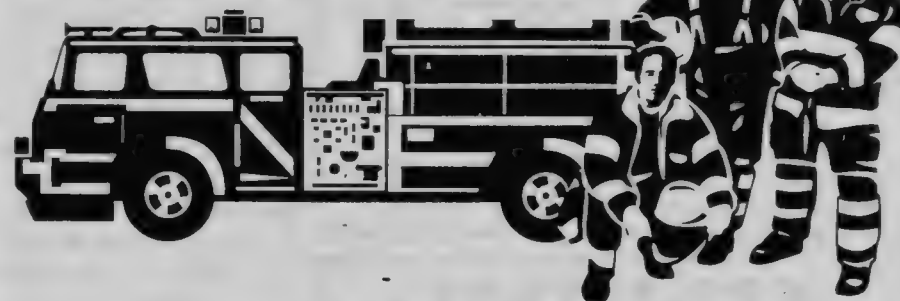
Wednesday, March 7: Euchre at Kinmount Legion: Sally Taylor and Lucille Carter won the scores for the women. Frank Franzen was high man and Wib St. Thomas and Gerald Silver tied the low score. Roger Fournier won lone hands and Melville Whiteside won the 50/50 draw.

Wednesday, March 14: Duplicate Bridge at Parklane: The Mitchell was played: North/South, in first with 57.5% were Ross Fletcher and Muriel McIntosh. In second with 52% were Ross Davies and Stella McMillan East/West, in first with 57.5 % were Norma Crewson and Lourene Scott. In second with 57% were Hal Beach and Bill Sandford.

Bid Euchre at Stanhope: Only one moonshot for the evening going to Helen Windsor. The winners were: Muriel Harrington, 247; Norm Lee, 250; Bill Milford, 255; Olive Jones 284; and Helen Windsor, having a good night with 322!! This Wednesday is Pot Luck at 6:00 p.m., followed by cards at 7:00 p.m.

Have fun!!

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April 2-June 28
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Proud grandparents are Mr and Mrs. James Welch of Halls Lake and Mr & Mrs Robert Carrell of Kingston, Ontario.

NEWTON
Ralph H. and Francine are pleased to announce the birth of their granddaughter
CAITLYN HALL-LEE NEWTON
on February 28, 2001 at 11:59 p.m.
Caitlyn was born at Markham-Stouffville Hospital and weighed 6lbs 15oz. Proud first time parents are Christopher Hall and Jerri Lee Newton of Ceasarea. Also first time grandparents are Glenn Sargent and Judy Kilmister.

BIRTHS

Cory Bull and Melissa Turner are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter
HAILEY LILIAN BULL
A precious little sister for Kelsey
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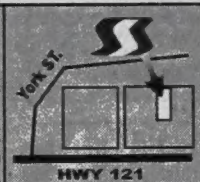
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AT REST

MARTIN, Harry

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McKELVEY, Morris Ross 'Coony'

Passed away at Case Manor Nursing Home, Bobcaygeon, Wednesday, March 14, 2001 in his 76th year. Son of the late Herbert and Irene McKelvey. Predeceased by his brothers Claude and Harold and his sister Marjorie Wright. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews and their families. Friends were invited to call at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main Street, Minden on Saturday, March 17, 2001. Legion and Funeral Services were held in the Chapel Saturday afternoon. Spring Interment at Minden Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636, Minden, would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

WOOD Dorothy

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

At her residence on Friday morning, March 16, 2001, in her 70th year. Beloved wife of Wayne B. Wood. Loving mother of Melinda (Mrs. Michael O'Mara) of Haliburton, Wendy Wood-Locke of St. Croix USVI and Nancy (Mrs. William Roberts) of Haliburton. Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren Lyndsey, Christopher, Jennifer, Harry, Stuart, Kimberley, Stephanie and Abigail. Dear sister of Grenville, Wayne W. and Douglas Wood. Predeceased by her sister Joyce. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews and special friend Wyona Consack. Friends are invited to call at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Hwy #118, Haliburton (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday afternoon, March 20, 2001 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Wednesday morning, March 21, 2001 at 11 o'clock. Spring interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

BUDD, Jim

Passed away suddenly at his home in Minden on Friday, March 9th, 2001 in his 89th year. Predeceased by his wife Eleanor Crane and by his brother George and sister Dolly of England. Dear father of the late Margaret Gray of Toronto, Betty Bircher of Vernon, B.C., Darlene and her husband Steven Barker of St. Thomas, Dave and his wife Dayle of Calgary, Alberta and Cathy and her husband Jim Thornley of Toronto. Cherished grandfather of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Fondly remembered by his family, friends and neighbours. Friends were invited to a Memorial Service at the Full Gospel Lighthouse Church, Haliburton on Sunday, March 11th, 2001 at 2 p.m. Reception followed at the Church. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Full Gospel Lighthouse Church would be appreciated by the family.

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